

The world's ills represent conditions which are not beyond our understanding nor beyond our control, but which yield to human intelligence, the wisdom of the human heart and the aspirations of the human spirit.

As we face uncertain times, let us call upon our capacity for love. Let us call upon our capacity for hope. Let us call upon our capacity to believe in ourselves and in each other. Let us call upon our capacity to make a difference. Let us call upon our capacity to evolve as a nation. Let us call upon our recognition of the power of unity which brings us here, and which enables us to envision the America of our fondest dreams.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 2001-2002 VFW  
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLAR-  
SHIP CONTEST REACHING OUT  
TO AMERICA'S FUTURE**

**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the speech written by the 2002 Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Scholarship winner, Clarissa Anderson.

**REACHING OUT TO AMERICA'S FUTURE  
(By Clarissa Anderson)**

America, the beautiful country in which we live, has a future brighter than most may see. It is the country where many families raise their children, brave people reside, intelligent people create, scientists explore, and foreigners and citizens vacation. It is a country with immense power and glory behind its name, but the future of such a place is yet to be discovered. The future of the country that we love the most is what we will make it to be. It is up to us now, who are living here today, to make the history of America one that will make those who follow behind us proud of the ones who walked before them.

Many battles have been fought in the past to gain the freedoms we take for granted today, yet there are still battles to be won amongst America's own people. They are not battles over hate or differences, but they are rather battles over the hunger and the need of the people of whom we belong. The future of America lies within each American living here today. There are several civil topics that could be improved upon to make the future of our country one to be proud of.

While there are rich and famous stars making the latest movies, and the most well known scientists discovering, there are still ones on the street who are in need of homes, love, care, clothing, and jobs. The able-minded and able-bodied people of America should stand up and make this country proud by making it a better place for all to live, even the less fortunate. Volunteering an hour here or there to counsel a job searcher, to serve meals to the hungry, or even to show a little love and care to a child, can make a difference slowly, one step at a time, one life at a time, a little love at a time, and a little care at a time, we will slowly create the brightest age in America's history.

When Americans can truly say that the quality of living in America is better than any other country, America will have succeeded as a whole. When all Americans can feel protected not only by the laws and power of the country, but also by the care of its people, we will have succeeded. There are

countless ways for a single soul to change or alter the life of another, if only a seed of compassion or care were sown within those who are able to give such things to others in need.

To the future of America I would like to offer a country full of helping hands, ones that will reach out to others in need. I would like to see men and women and children alike, not only caring for their circle of friends and for their families, but also assisting the people that are in need in their towns and communities. Our country has proven to be able to accomplish many great feats and this is one feat that can be achieved within the boundaries of our own country. To conquer such a challenge we need to set ourselves aside and lose all selfishness, putting our focus on others and their needs as well. While making our changes one heart at a time, one step at a time, and one life at a time, we'll be reaching out to the future of America. Our country will be all that we've dreamed it could be. America it's the beautiful country in which we live and as Americans, we should be proud of what we accomplish as a nation, one step at a time.

**IN HONOR OF THE UNION &  
LEAGUE OF ROMANIAN SOCI-  
ETIES, INC.**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Union & League of Romanian Societies, Inc., on the occasion of their 96th Anniversary, to be celebrated in July, 2002, in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1928, two separate Romanian organizations—The Union and The League—united to become The Union & League of Romanian Societies, Inc. The organization continues to be one of the largest Romanian organizations in the United States, and has maintained its rich history and legacy of service to others.

For almost one hundred years, the members and leaders of the Union & League of Romanian Societies have offered a source of hope, faith, support and resources to American citizens of Romanian heritage, and Romanians abroad. The organization has undoubtedly been a great source of strength for thousands of Romanian immigrants, and fosters the continuity of Romania's significant cultural, religious and historic heritage.

The Union & League of Romanian Societies, Inc. has an impressive record of assisting and supporting Romanians in their homeland. In 1989, a Union & League Relief Fund was established to assist Romania in its economic and social reconstruction. In 1990, a Relief Fund was created with funds specifically earmarked for Romania's most vulnerable citizenry—its children and elderly. The Society continues to demonstrate support of its homeland—connecting the old world with the new—and never forgetting the sacrifices of ancestors who journeyed before them.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Union & League of Romanian Societies, Inc., based here in Cleveland. Americans of Romanian descent have bestowed their professional talents, sense of community, and tradition and culture, within every facet of American society. Moreover, thousands of Americans of Romanian descent

have made the ultimate sacrifice—giving their lives to protect the freedoms in their new American homeland, beginning with the Civil War. I stand in honor of the significant and noteworthy contributions and sacrifices that members of the Romanian community have made here in Cleveland, and across the nation.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday and this morning, I was unavoidably detained and I was unable to vote on matters before the House at the time. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall 324—H. Res. 439, Honoring Corinne "Lindy" Claiborne Boggs on the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Women's Caucus "yes"; Rollcall 325—H. Res. 492, Expressing Gratitude for the World Trade Center Clean-up and Recovery Efforts at Fresh Kills Landfill "yes".

**IN HONOR OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS  
BASEBALL LEAGUE**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Garfield Heights Baseball League. I also stand in honor of the founding members of the League: Arthur Grugle, Dan Kostell and John Rawlins, and all the individuals over the past fifty years who have volunteered countless hours to ensure that the League remain a viable and significant recreational outlet for the youth of Garfield Heights.

The Garfield Heights Baseball League has the noteworthy distinction of being one of the oldest self-supporting leagues in the nation. Over the years, the League has grown and changed, reflecting our evolving society in many ways. Beginning with less than one hundred players, the League grew to over ninety teams playing on nine fields by the late seventies. Today, over 1,000 youth, both boys and girls are active players in the Garfield Heights Baseball League.

In 1987, the League formed the Garfield Heights Baseball League Hall of Fame. This honor is reserved for those individuals who have gone well beyond the normal call of duty in supporting or enhancing the day-to-day operations of the League. There are currently eighty-nine members in the Hall of Fame. In 1992, the League founded the Steve Huntz Alumni Award, named after the only League alumnus to play in the Major Leagues.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor, tribute, and celebration of the past and present leaders of the Garfield Heights Baseball League, for their fifty years of commitment to the youth of Garfield Heights. These leaders are the guardians of the most beloved and